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VILLA ADELINA, 31st October 1977

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s):

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Date Declassify on Reason

On May 27, 1977 I was summoned before the Military Junta in Campo de Mayo (Juzgado Militar No. 21, Cdo.11 MM Puerta 4, Campo de Mayo). Coronel (R.Art.62) Alberto Martinez, Military Instruccion Chief in charge of this court of justice.

The cause was that a young fellow refused to use military cloths. (It was only for a short time, because now he uses the military uniform and is fullfilling his military time).

They tried to wrap we up with this case, since I Hector C. Diaz (Testigo de JEHOVA) had maintained biblical conversations with this fellow and his family.

After three hours of answers and questions, during which they tried to wrap me up with the fellow's decision, something illogical and negative, as since one year and 3 months I had not seen him. I ended the declaration.

On September 1 at 07:00 pm three persons with police credentials detainde me and took me to the San Martin Delegation, where there was no detention order. I was told the order came from Campo de Mayo as I had instigated a young fellow to refuse to do his military duty. Withhout any ~~charge~~ further explanation I was put in jail incommunicated. The following day, through one of my relatives help I was freed.

On Sept. 28 one again our homes were assailed, first my mother's home (she is American citizen, 61 years old). It was a group of 10-12 brutal men, who destroyed everything. They throw my mother on a table and threatad her with a gun. She was asked: "You are a Testigo de JEHOVA? She replied: "Yes I am." Then they asked again: "Where is the other JEHOVA Witness?" She replied "He is in the house behind".

They came to my home, threaten us, I was beaten and then they left leaving

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us handcuffed.

My lawyer suggested me not to make a denounce at the Police, fearing reprisals.

This same day I received a new citation to present myself before the Federal Judge on the 30th.

I made a declaration similar to the one given in Campo de Mayo and returned home.

On October 25 I was detained and taken to the police of Villa Adelina, where I had to declare the following day. I asked which were the charges, they replied I was accused of scorge the Argentine Symbols. After paying a caution of 50.000.00 pesos I was freed on the 28th., but I am not allowed to leave my home for more than 24 hours without the judge's authorization.

Since one month and 15 days I cannot work because of the injuries I suffered during the assault made by law's representatives on the 28 th of September.

(Signed) Hector Carlos Diaz